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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, September 22, 2008 through Sunday, September 28, 2008. Steward Grant Baker was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

Monday

09/22/08 (1) **Entry Day**

Racing Secretary Fred Kuebler and his staff were on duty this morning taking entries for Thursday, September 25th. A total of nine (9) races filled. Seventy two (72) horses are scheduled to go to post.

09/22/08 (2) **Dark Day**

Tuesday

09/23/08 (1) **Entry Day/Scratches**

Scratch time was held at 9:00 a.m. today for Thursday, September 25th. Eleven (11) driver changes took place with no scratches submitted.

Entries were taken this morning for Friday, September 26th. Twelve (12) races were drawn and eighty three (83) horses are scheduled to face Starter Bill Vallandingham.

09/23/08 (2) **Dark Day**

Wednesday

09/24/08 (1) **Entry Day/Scratches**

Scratch time was held at 9:00 a.m. today for Friday, September 26th. Three (3) driver changes took place with no scratches submitted.

Entries were taken this morning for Saturday, September 27th. Thirteen (13) races were drawn with one hundred three (103) horses scheduled to start.

09/24/08 (2) **Dark Day**

Thursday

09/25/08 (1) **Scratch Time**

Scratch time for Saturday, September 27th was held this morning at 9:00 a.m. Five (5) driver changes were submitted before the deadline.

09/25/08 (2) **David Siegel Hearing**

Driver/Trainer Rocky Stidham appeared in the racing office as a representative of Driver David Siegel. Driver Siegel was ordered to see the stewards after his drive behind #8 “Jill’s Sooter”, who finished fourth (4th) in the seventh race September 20th.

Driver Siegel shifted his charge out in front of eventual winner #3 “Nikoleta” (James Kennedy). This incident took place 3/16ths of a mile before the finish and forced Driver Kennedy to quickly shift off the wheels of #8 “Jill’s Sooter before racing on to victory.

Representative Stidham passed along word from Driver Siegel that he (Siegel) accepted full responsibility for his driving error. The majority of the stewards (Steward Oke dissenting – 3 day suspension) felt the penalty in the ruling below was warranted.

Ruling # 05

Driver David Siegel, who drove #8 “Jill’s Sooter” in the Seventh Race at Cal-Expo on Saturday, September 20, 2008, is hereby fined the sum of Two Hundred (\$200) Dollars for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1721(J) (Driving Rules – Changing Course in the Stretch - Interfering with #3 “Nikoleta”).

09/25/08 (3) **Rocky Stidham Ruling**

Driver Rocky Stidham appeared as ordered to review his drive behind #2 “SA Sunset”, who finished second (2nd) in the eleventh race last Saturday, September 20th. Driver Stidham survived a steward’s inquiry after racing inside a track pylon on the final (3/4 pole) turn. Driver Stidham accepted responsibility for his error in steering and the stewards issued the following ruling:

Ruling # 06

Driver Rocky Stidham, who drove #8 “SA Sunset” in the Eleventh Race at Cal-Expo on Saturday, September 20, 2008, is hereby fined the sum of One Hundred (\$100) Dollars for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1721(K) (Driving Rules – Careless Driving – Racing Inside Pylon – Last Turn).

09/25/08 (4) **Tote Delay**

Payoffs for the third race were delayed for eight (8) to ten (10) minutes. Scientific Games Tote Operator Michelle Arendt notified the stewards that a total of Sixty One (\$61) Dollars in a Nevada superfecta pool was part of the problem.

The technicalities of this delay are included in a letter submitted with these minutes from Ted Shaine (Scientific Games).

09/25/08 (5) **Seventh Race – Inquiry**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign following this race to review an incident between sixth (6th) place finisher #1 “Jen U Win BB (Rocky Stidham) and seventh (last) place finisher #5 “Sin Princess” (Jason Maier).

Race replays show Driver Maier drop his right driving line while closing slightly in mid-stretch. At this point the right wheel of his sulky hooks wheels with #1 “Jen U Win BB”. No change was made in the order of finish as the offending horse in this matter (#5 “Sin Princess) finished last. Driver Jason Maier was ordered to film review with the stewards.

09/25/08 (6) **Eighth Race – Inquiry**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign following this race to review an incident entering the first turn. Ninth (last) place finisher #6 “Special Season” (James Lackey) went on a break on the first turn and contributed to some confusion with #7 “Linnea Blue Chip” (Lemoyne Svendsen), who went on to finish fifth. The stewards promptly removed the inquiry sign as no placings were necessary.

09/25/08 (7) **Program Changes**

6th Race Declaration - #7 “Cam Diaz” – Trainer Dario Solares
 Refund: \$49 Late – Tied Up – Henry Cook, D.V.M.
 7th Race Declaration - #6 “Sassy Brenda” – Trainer Earl Kennedy
 Refund: \$82 Injured – Robert Goodbary, D.V.M.

09/25/08 (8)	<u>Attendance and Handle</u>	
	Attendance	222
	Live Handle (On Track)	\$22,532
	Handle (In State)	\$203,852
	Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$140,777</u>
	Total Handle	\$367,161

Friday

09/26/08 (1) **Management Cutback**

In a cost saving effort, management at Cal Expo notified the receiving barn that all photocopied programs will now cost \$1.00.

For many years, programs have been provided free of charge to the private veterinarians in an effort to ensure that the vets have the needed post time information on horses to be compliant with California Horse Racing Board Rule #1845 (Authorized Bleeder Medications). In an effort to alleviate this issue, representatives of the CHHA (California Harness Horsemen's Association) have volunteered to provide programs at no cost.

09/26/08 (2) **Jason Ricco – Film Review**

The stewards held a film review with Driver Jason Ricco prior to the races this evening. Driver Ricco drove #1 "Pleasecashmybett", who finished third (3rd) in the sixth race last night (September 25th).

Driver Ricco's horse was significantly 'off the gate' prior to the start. At the opening night meeting with the drivers, the stewards stated that 'good starts' would be strictly enforced this meet. Driver Ricco was not pleased with the following sanction.

Ruling # 07

Driver Jason Ricco, who drove #1 "Pleasecashmybett" in the Sixth Race at Cal-Expo on Thursday September 25, 2008, is hereby fined the sum of One Hundred (\$100) Dollars for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1731(G) (Starting Rules – Failure to Come Up into Position).

09/26/08 (3) **Jason Maier – Film Review**

Driver Jason Maier appeared in the steward's office to review his drive behind #5 "Sin Princess" in yesterday's (September 25th) seventh race. Driver Maier's horse hooked wheels with #1 "Jen U Win B B" (Rocky Stidham) in mid stretch after Driver Maier accidentally dropped an outside line. Driver Maier was issued a warning in this matter as he accepted full responsibility for the incident.

09/26/08 (4) **Good Card**

Today's twelve (12) race card went well, as it was free of any steward's inquiries or driver objections.

09/26/08 (5) **Program Changes**

None

09/26/08 (6)	<u>Attendance and Handle</u>	
	Attendance	360
	Live Handle (On Track)	\$43,843
	Handle (In State)	\$399,515
	Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$247,500</u>
	Total Handle	\$690,858

Saturday09/27/08 (1) **Robley Johnson Ruling****Ruling # 08**

Driver Robley Johnson, who drove #2 “Cam’s Gidget” in the Eighth Race at Cal-Expo on Thursday, September 25, 2008, is hereby fined the sum of One Hundred (\$100) Dollars for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1731(G) (Starting Rules – Failure to Come Up into Position).

Driver Robley Johnson accepted the ruling above after the stewards viewed “Cam’s Gidget” being ‘off the gate’ approximately four (4) lengths at the start.

09/27/08 (2) **Lou Pena Ruling****Ruling # 09**

Driver Lou Pena, who drove #4 “Rojo Means Go” in the Eighth Race at Cal-Expo on Friday, September 26, 2008, is hereby fined the sum of One Hundred (\$100) Dollars for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1731(G) (Starting Rules – Failure to Come Up into Position).

Driver Lou Pena waived his right to a hearing and accepted the ruling listed above.

09/27/08 (3) **Leon Smith – Film Review**

Provisional Driver Leon Smith appeared in the steward’s office to review his drive behind #2 “Just Hunky Dory” in last night’s (September 26th) sixth race. This horse finished fifth (5th) and was whipped an excessive number of times in the opinion of the stewards. Whipping rules were reviewed with the drivers at an opening night (September 19th) driver’s meeting.

Driver Smith has had a clean driving record recently and accepted full responsibility before accepting the following penalty:

Ruling # 10

Driver Leon Smith, who drove “Just Hunky Dory” in the Sixth Race on Friday, September 26, 2008, at Cal Expo, is hereby fined the sum of One Hundred (\$100) Dollars for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1734) (Whipping – Unreasonable Use).

09/27/08 (4) **Qualifying Races**

Seven (7) qualifying races were judged by Stewards Oke and McLaren prior to this evening's thirteen (13) pari-mutual card. Of the fifty four (54) competitors, forty three (43) made the grade.

09/27/08 (5) **First Race – Inquiry**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign following this race to view an incident at the 3/4 pole. Entering the stretch, the leader #6 “Jill’s Sooter” (Gilbert Garcia-Herrera) veers inward underneath the wheel of rival #4 “Above Timberline” (Bruce Clarke), forcing that horse to go on a break and finish last. An accurate account of this event was relayed via walkie talkie by Patrol Judge Bill Vallandingham.

For this incident the stewards disqualified #6 “Jill’s Sooter” and placed him seventh (last). Driver Gilbert Garcia-Herrera was ordered to the stewards for film review.

Original order of finish: 3-2-7-6-5-1-4

Official order of finish: 3-2-7-5-1-4-6

09/27/08 (6) **Thirteenth Race – Inquiry**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign after viewing third (3rd) place finisher #7 “Mudflap” (Rocky Stidham) go on an extended break from the 1/2 mile pole to the finish. This is an obvious violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1722 (C) (Breaking) for failing to lose ground.

For this incident the stewards unanimously ruled to disqualify #7 “Mudflap” and place him eighth (last).

09/27/08 (7) **Wiseman – Five Bagger**

Veteran Driver Steve Wiseman had a career night. Wiseman booted home five (5) winners from his eleven (11) drives this evening.

09/27/08 (8) **Program Changes**

8th Race Declaration- #5 “Leadmeastray” – Trainer Gene Vallandingham

Refund: \$2 Injured – Robert Goodbary, D.V.M.

13th Race Declaration - #9 “Youngblood Hanover” – Trainer Etienne Desomer

Refund: \$0 Injured – Robert Goodbary, D.V.M.

09/27/08 (9) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	465
Live Handle (On Track)	\$51,070
Handle (In State)	\$376,296
Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$289,406</u>
Total Handle	\$716,772

RULINGS ISSUED THIS WEEK

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Scientific Games Racing – QDC West
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Sacramento CA 95834
September 26, 2008

Board of Stewards
California State Fair (Harness) Association
1600 Exposition Way
Sacramento, CA 95815

Gentlemen:

In the 3rd race at Sacramento Harness on 09/25/08, the Nevada hub was unable to send a scan for the results in the superfecta pool. This was caused by a power failure at the hub location in Las Vegas, Nevada. This resulted in prices being displayed for race three without a superfecta price being calculated. After a five minute delay, the Nevada hub was excluded from the superfecta pool and the price was calculated and opened for cashing at 19:57:31 pm.

Sincerely,

/s/ signature on file

Ted Shaine
General Manager, QDC West

Cc: David Elliott, CSF
George Brannen, SGR
Tom Kelso, SGR
Mary Rosenbauer, SGR

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
25-Sep	6	7	CAM DIAZ	SOLARES	Injured	Cook	\$49.00
	7	6	SASSY BRENDA	KENNEDY	Injured	Goodbary	\$82.00
27-Sep	8	5	LEADMEASTRAY	VALLANDINGHAM	Injured	Goodbary	\$2.00
			YOUNGBLOOD				
	13	9	HANOVER	DESOMER	Injured	Goodbary	\$0.00

WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Bakersfield	\$	4,664.10
Bay Meadows	\$	2,346.10
Eureka	\$	-
Fresno	\$	5,706.90
Fresno Club One	\$	1,175.60
Golden Gate	\$	43,706.80
Monterey	\$	6,393.80
Pleasanton	\$	29,687.10
Sacramento	\$	100,529.70
San Jose	\$	36,072.10
San Mateo	\$	59,988.50
Santa Rosa	\$	8,602.70
Stockton	\$	23,861.40
Tulare	\$	1,758.70
Turlock	\$	-
Vallejo	\$	14,456.40
Racing Fairs	\$	-
So. California	\$	-
Out of State	\$	677,683.22

CAL-EXPO HARNESS ASSOCIATION SUMMARY 2008

	Mon 09/22	Tues 09/23	Wed 09/24	Thurs 09/25	Fri 09/26	Sat 09/27	Total Week	Total Meet
Accidents	D	D	D	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	A	A	A	0	0	0	0	0
Claims	R	R	R	1	0	0	1	2
Disqualifications	K	K	K	0	0	2	2	4
Inquiries	D	D	D	2	0	2	4	7
Refunds	A	A	A	2	0	2	4	6
Rulings	Y	Y	Y	2	1	3	6	10

Stewards Attendance: Stewards Baker, McLaren and Oke, were in attendance.

All drivers submitted to a breath analyzer test.

Grant Baker, Steward

Brent McLaren, Steward

Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward